

Visiting Students See Government in Action

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To see the students of civics and government at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors is always encouraging to me.

Perhaps this is because I am a teacher by training and at heart. I believe our young people should have every opportunity to see their government in action and have always done all I can to make this possible.

A recent meeting points out the value of these visits, when more than 100 students, representing Hawthorne High School, LaCerna High School in Whittier, and Northridge Junior High School visited the seat of county government.

THEY SAW and heard the Board of Supervisors in session.

They listened to routine matters as well as to problems of great importance, such as a debate and determination on the location of a courthouse.

They met Judge Joseph Warner, new Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, the largest trial court of its kind in America with 134 judges. As chairman of the board's Court Committee, it was my pleasure to introduce him.

A special treat was the presentation of an Award of Honor to Dr. Lee A. DuBridge, president of Cal-Tech and President-elect Nixon's Special Assistant for Science.

TO MEET this great man, a leader in the nation's space program and in education for leadership in engineering, science,

and technology, was well worth their visit.

The students heard Robert Lee, chairman of the County Commission on Youth, obtain the board's unanimous approval to the commission's recommendation that the mayor and city council of each of the county's 77 cities be urged to create an official youth committee.

Established on my motion to advise the Board of Supervisors on the needs of our young people, this commission provides opportunity for discussion between the county government and youth groups, coordinates youth programs and assists in solving youth problems. It is the first Commission on Youth in any local government in our country.

County Treasury Nets \$30,000 on Rare Coins

A special coin auction conducted Saturday by Baldo M. Kristovich, Los Angeles County public administrator, yielded \$30,000, Kristovich announced today.

George H. Barclay, auctioneer, conducted the special auction.

The most exciting coin offered was a 3-cent nickel piece issued by the U.S. Government in 1878. It sold for \$125. One of 2,350 minted, it was purchased by T.J. Daily, M.D.

Another highlight was an 1835 half-cent. It sold for \$20 to Mission Hills Coin Shop.

ALSO FEATURED were two 1877-S trade dollars which were minted for use in trade in the Orient in competition with the Mexican Peso. They were purchased for \$105.

Many gold coins were offered

and one of the most unusual was a 1960 Israeli gold commemorative coin, which was purchased for \$90 by Jess Hepler.

Another unique item purchased for \$225 by Mrs. W. B. Arnold was a U.S. Gold set, which included \$20, \$10, \$5, and \$2.50 gold coins.

The lucky buyer of six rare gold nuggets was Judy Kanan, who paid \$400 for the set.

APPROXIMATELY 350 interested buyers were in attendance to compete for the 666 items offered at this unusual public auction.

Kristovich noted that this special public auction featuring coins, currency, stamps, and jewelry, was one of the most successful conducted by him in the past nine years and grossed in excess of \$30,000.

Marines Say 'Thanks' For Christmas Gifts

Letters expressing the appreciation of servicemen in Vietnam for Christmas gift bags sent to them by Red Cross are arriving daily at the Red Cross Service Center, 1499 W. First St., San Pedro, according to Denver Bullock, board chairman for the Harbor area.

In late September, the Los Angeles chapter sent 11,250 green denim drawstring bags containing seven individually wrapped gifts such as reading and writing materials, grooming items and games.

Red Cross volunteers did the gift wrapping and assembling and many individuals and organizations contributed \$3.50 to Red Cross for the contents of a bag, Bullock said.

CONTRIBUTORS' and volunteer workers' names were enclosed in each bag and this week a typical "thank you" letter was received from Sgt. Gabe Borquez of Los Angeles. From just outside the demilitarized zone he wrote:

"It was wonderful to know that they still remember us back home. Because I'm from Los Angeles, and our bags came from there, it made me feel nice. If all goes well, I'll be home in February and I think I'll try to drop by Red Cross and thank everybody in person."

Capt. Jack B. Zimmerman, who commands Gabe's Kilo Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines, also wrote the chapter describing Christmas Day:

"WE HAD a volunteer get some cotton from the corpsman to make a 'beard' and he dis-

pensed your gifts as a green-clad Santa Claus. It really was a light moment for a group of combat Marines who needed the laughs. The gifts themselves were well-chosen useful, and showed that you went to a great deal of trouble to individually wrap them."

Some Los Angeles gift bags also went to the 3rd Marine Divisions Howitzer Battery which has "the biggest self-propelled guns in Vietnam," according to Cpl. J. R. Martina from Flemington, N.J., whose beautifully scripted two-page letter confided:

"It isn't so nice being here for Christmas, but I don't mind. As a matter of fact, 10 minutes ago I extended for six more months."

Fifth Division Marines also received Los Angeles gift bags.

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